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**From:** Jim Boucher [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]  
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**Subject:** Re: Wastewater Discharges and Construction Activities at AltEn Mead Questions.

Noting receipt of the Interim RAP on November 1, I wanted to follow up to request your help to understand NDEE current oversight of this plan reharding monitoring of storm water & other discharges from AltEn site.

Specifically, the latest NPDES Permit in the document portal I can find appears to be that modification of NPDES Industrial Permit dated Nov 3, 2017.

This modification provides only the change for discharge of cooling tower blowdown to Outfall 001. Thus, I understand that the Active NPDES Permit in place is that dated Jan 16, 2017 in the document portal.

Since this permit appears to incorporate plant lagoons recovery & treatment of all waters including site contact rain water to discharge to Outfall 002 (land application) With the cooling tower no longer in operation, can you refer me to the Permit mod that documents NDEE's determination of quantity, quality & monitoring criteria for all discharges at Outfall 001?

Thanks again for your help.

Jim

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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 28, 2021, at 3:17 PM, [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] wrote:

Good Afternoon.

Per correspondence from NDEE's Shelley Schneider dated 10/19/21 denying site access to third party officials, NDEE has assured that it has not received, reviewed and approved any NPDES Permit Application that would be required to allow discharge of wastewater from the site. In the October 7 memo record of NDEE's recent meetings with EPA it is mentioned only that AFRG continues to receive NDEE's guidance in formulating their Engineered RAP due now on November 1, 2021.

With reference to NDEE's Mr. DeJong's site report of 10/20/21, AltEn continues to actively discharge water from the cooling tower basin to an unnamed surface water tributary off-site.

I've also attached the emails summarizing my complaint to the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects asserting that AltEn, AFRG, Clean Harbors and Newfields continue to engage in practice of Professional Engineering in NE not in compliance with NE Engineering Law and, I believe, NE Environmental Law.

Please confirm :

- 1) Whether NDEE has now decided to permit offsite disposal of uncharacterized wastewater from the cooling tower basin,
- 2) How (on what basis) that decision was made with respect to all known water quality and quantity limits relevant to this site, and
- 3) Whether NDEE has any plans to stop this discharge going forward while waiting on the Engineered Plan and prior to establishing new or modified NPDES Permit conditions.

Thanks very much for looking into this for us.

Regards,

Jim

(Jim Boucher, PE (Emeritas, E-4527)

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